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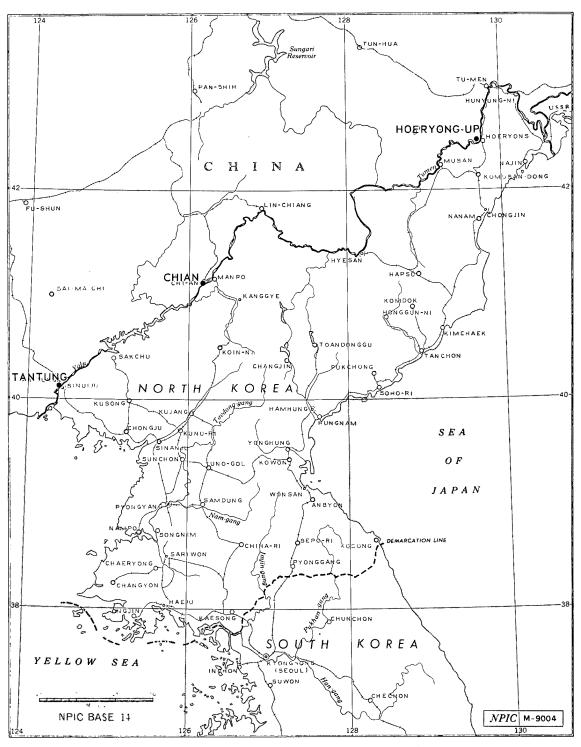


FIGURE 1. AREAS OF CHINESE DEFENSIVE ACTIVITY

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ABSTRACT

Since February 1969, the Chinese have strengthened their military posture along the China/North Korea border. In at least three areas, personnel trenches with firing positions facing North Korea have been built and there has been an increase in the number of vehicle revetments and the use of camouflage netting.

A map, text, and graphics describing some of these activities are included in this report.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

Chinese defensive activity, first observed in February 1969, has been identified in three border areas: at Tantung, Chian, and opposite Hoeryong-up, North Korea (Figure 1).

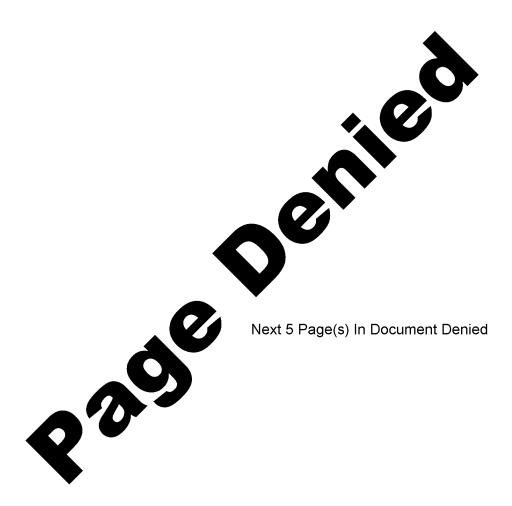
Personnel trenches have been constructed or improved in Tantung (40-05-50N 124-21-30E) and along roads 13 nautical miles (nm) south-southwest of Tantung and 1.5 nm west of the border (Figures 2 and 3). In one area, possible dummy tanks have been observed (Figure 4). Access trenches with forward firing positions have also been constructed at several industrial facilities and military installations within 2 nm of the border. Net-covered and revetted vehicles have been observed in the hills northwest of Tantung.

Three revetted cargo trucks and 26 revetted, net-covered probable vehicles have been observed at 40-12-10N 124-23-35E (Figure 5). Four powerboats in revetments, two partially net-covered possible tracked vehicles, and 18 other net-covered probable vehicles were also observed at 40-12-30N 124-24-52E (Figure 6).

Similar access trenches have been observed adjacent to the Tantung/Tatungkou Airfield, 4.5 nm west of the border. The revetments at Tantung Airfield have been covered by camouflage netting since September 1969.

Personnel trenches, many with firing positions oriented towards North Korea, were first observed at Chian during 1969 (Figure 7) and several buildings have been added to a border security station located 3.6 nm northeast of the city.

Across the border from Hoeryong-up, North Korea, at 42-27-50N 129-44-30E, Chinese personnel trenches (with possible forward firing positions facing the border) have been constructed since February 1969 (Figure 8).



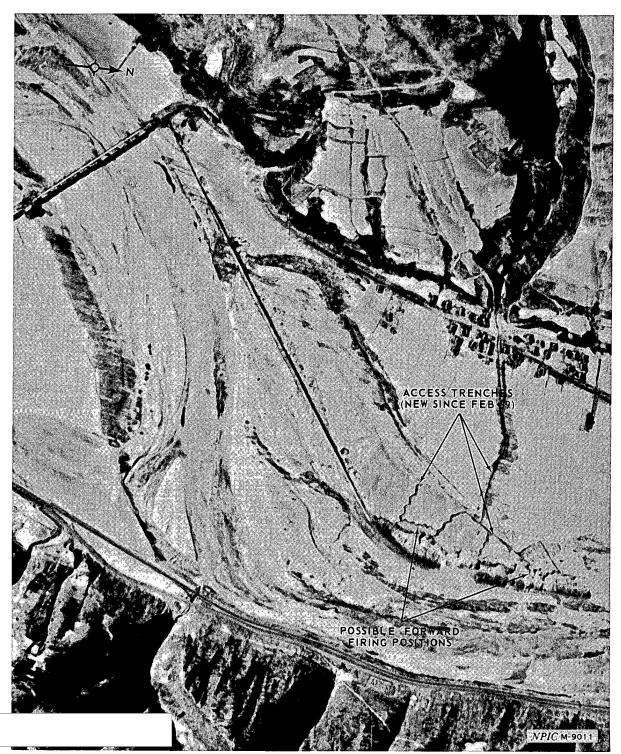


FIGURE 8. CHINESE PERSONNEL TRENCHES AND POSSIBLE FIRING POSITIONS NEAR HOERYONG-UP, NORTH KOREA

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